

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL (GDS)ACTION
February 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: JEANNE W. DAVIS

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT: Visit of Mohammad Naim of Afghanistan
-- Proposed Meeting with the President

The Secretary has approved inviting Mohammad Naim, brother of and a key foreign policy advisor to President Daoud of Afghanistan, to visit Washington later this spring for official talks. He would like to be able to assure Naim, in extending the invitation, that a meeting with the President would be part of the schedule. We, therefore, have the invitation telegram at Tab B for clearance. I recommend we seek the President's approval in principle for such a meeting.

Since the Secretary's trip to South Asia in the fall of 1974, we have slowly improved our dialogue with the Afghans and the time now appears ripe for a high-level Afghan visitor; there has been none since the late 60's. The Afghan government has let it be known that they would be receptive to an invitation to Naim, who has travelled to most other major capitals (including Peking) and has been received at a high level. Daoud rarely travels abroad and Naim is the logical invitee; though he has no official title, he runs the foreign policy side of Daoud's government and is Daoud's closest confidant.

The Afghans have indicated that they would regard even a brief meeting with the President as the linchpin of such a visit and State feels it us unlikely Naim would accept unless this could be guaranteed in advance. The meeting could be a brief one since the purpose would be symbolic rather than substantive. For reasons outlined in the schedule proposal at Tab A, I recommend that we seek the President's approval.

RECOMMENDATION: That you forward the schedule proposal at Tab A seeking the President's approval in principle for a brief office meeting. [Following the President's decision, we will clear the telegram

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at Tab B accordingly.]

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